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Program



February 17-19, 2026
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Conference Program

Welcome to our 2026 Annual Conference where we encourage and educate NDT managers to stay current with technologies, management best practices, as well as share and engage with other NDT professionals so that we can all grow and advance our industry together.



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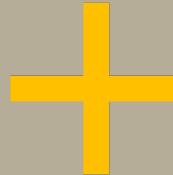
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MICHAEL GOMEZ



NEVER QUIT, ALWAYS LEAD: LESSONS FROM THE RECOVERY OF AN INJURED COMBAT VETERAN TURNED CIVILIAN TO INSPIRE GREATNESS

John Michael Gomez, known as Michael, is a dedicated professional and U.S. Army veteran with a distinguished record of service, leadership, and resilience. Retiring from the Army in 2009 due to injuries sustained in Afghanistan, Michael transitioned into a successful civilian career while remaining deeply committed to supporting veterans and inspiring others to overcome challenges.

Michael earned a bachelor's degree from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, in 2015 and furthered his education with a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 2025. His academic achievements reflect his determination to continuously grow and excel.

From 2016 to 2024, Michael served as a key contributor at Oracle Corporation, where he played an instrumental role in developing solutions to support critical U.S. Air Force Human Resource Command missions and workflow designs. Currently, he is employed with Crawford & Company, where he leverages his expertise to deliver platform and field services, helping clients recover and rebuild after disasters.

A passionate advocate for veterans, Michael is actively involved in veteran organizations, where he supports disabled veterans in their recovery from depression and other challenges associated with transitioning to civilian life. Through hunting, fishing, and personalized guidance, he helps veterans find their "next mission" and fosters a mindset of perseverance and purpose.

Michael's personal mission is to empower others to recognize their worth and reject complacency. As a disabled veteran himself, he leads by example, demonstrating that a disability is only one part of a person's identity and not a barrier to meaningful contributions to society. His belief in resilience and service drives his work and inspires those around him.

Michael has made notable appearances in the 2023 film *Tribal* and on the Black Rifle Coffee - Medevac Podcast, where he shared his insights and experiences. Through his professional achievements, advocacy, and personal journey, Michael Gomez continues to make a lasting impact on his community and beyond.



***Disabled Veteran
empowering others
through experience &
resilience***

***Combat-wounded
veteran who was
awarded the
Purple Heart***

Veteran Advocate

Presented by



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8AM -4PM	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Location: Pebble Beach Foyer
8-9:30AM	GIAC MEETING Invitation only Location: St. Andrew's
9:45AM	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Location: St. Andrew's
12:30PM - 4:40 PM	REGULATORY, CERTIFICATION Location: Pebble Beach I Co-Chairs: Steve Strachan, Jeff Lattea
	12:30 WELCOME, SAFETY BRIEFING
	12:40 PRESENTATIONS FROM CODE BODIES: API (Ferguson), ASTM (Straiton), ASME (May) Changes - last year & upcoming
	1:30 Coffee Break
	1:45 PRESENTATIONS FROM CERTIFICATION BODIES: ASNT (Lang), CINDE (Cabral), API (Orphanides), AMPP (Evans) EPRI (Breon) Changes from last year & upcoming
	2:45 Coffee Break
	3:00 AI & ADR IN CODES & SPECS PANEL & WORKSHOP
	4:40 Changeover Break
4:50PM	NDTMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
5:30PM	WELCOME RECEPTION – EXHIBITS OPEN Location: Bel Air Foyer Pine Valley Hosted by: EVIDENT 
7:20PM	WOMEN IN NDT (WIN) PHOTO OP FOR NDT.NET Directly outside Bel Air in front of the NDTMA backdrop
7:30PM	NDTMA RECEPTION Location: Pebble Beach I-III Sponsored by: FUJIFILM North American Corporation Industrial Division 
7:00 – 8:30PM	JOIN THE PHOTO FUN!  Take a souvenir photo with your colleagues at our NDT photo booth. Location: Pebble Beach Foyer Sponsored by: COMET X-RAY 

NDTMA Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

4:50 – 5:20PM

Pebble Beach II & III

1	CALL TO ORDER	Gress
2	APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Gress
3	PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Gress
4	TREASURER'S UPDATE BUDGET VOTE	Alsip
5	ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS VOTE	Gress
6	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Miceli
7	IN MEMORIAM	Gress
8	ADJOURN	Gress

NDTMA Member Company Attendance at this Meeting is Strongly Encouraged!

Exhibit Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

9AM – 4PM	MOVE IN
5:30 – 7:30PM	WELCOME RECEPTION In the Exhibit Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

12:30 – 2:00PM	LUNCHEON In the Exhibit Hall
5:00 – 7:00PM	EXHIBITS OPEN
9:00AM – 5:00PM	EXHIBITS AVAILABLE For Private Demonstrations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

9:00AM – 12:30PM	EXHIBITS AVAILABLE For Private Demonstrations
12:30 – 1:15PM	LUNCHEON In the Exhibit Hall
1:15PM	EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:00AM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Location: Pebble Beach Foyer

4:00PM

7:45AM BREAKFAST

Hosted by: EKOSCAN

8:20AM Location: Pebble Beach

8:30AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker: MICHAEL GOMEZ

9:30AM NEVER QUIT, ALWAYS LEAD: LESSONS FROM
THE RECOVERY OF AN INJURED COMBAT
VETERAN TURNED CIVILIAN TO INSPIRE
GREATNESS

Sponsored by: EKOSCAN

Coffee Break

sponsored by SONASPECTION

9:40AM TECHNICAL SESSION I

ROBOTICS, AUTOMATION, AI, OH MY!

12:00PM Co-Chairs: Mitch Alexander, Flynn Spears

Location: Pebble Beach

AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS: INTEGRATING NDT INTO MODERN MANUFACTURING

Dave Seto, UTEX Scientific

NON-FERROMAGNETIC CRAWLER ROBOTS: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FROM A CONCRETE CHIMNEY

Jack Cornes, HAUSBOTS

COFFEE BREAK (10:50-11AM)

sponsored by SONASPECTION

AI ADOPTION IN NDT: FROM INDUSTRY CHALLENGES TO COLLABORATIVE INSIGHTS

Domenico Bellistri, Quasset Inc./ Sprint Robotics

TFM AND PCI TECHNIQUES APPLIED TO WELD INSPECTION

Frédéric Reverdy & Dillon Smith, EKOSCAN

9:11AM SPOUSES PROGRAM

Location: Registration Desk

Hosted by: R-CON NDT Consultants

Scheduled directly with spa

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12:00 – 2:00PM EXHIBITS OPEN

LUNCHEON

Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley

Sponsored by: Comet X-ray

2:00 –
5PM



NDT MANAGEMENT SESSION I

Co-Chairs: Jeremy Howard, Leon Bunch

Location: Pebble Beach

MASTERING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: RELEARNING WORKFORCE ETIQUETTE WITH A SIDE DOSE OF HUMILITY

Tracey Wingard, TNT NDT

COFFEE BREAK (2:45 – 2:50PM)

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TACKLING THE OJT CHALLENGE

Theo Young, Refined NDT

COFFEE BREAK (3:30 - 3:35PM)

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ETHICS: UNETHICAL USE OF YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE, CREDENTIALS, CERTIFICATION AND LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Toni Bailey & Kenneth Bailey, TB3

COFFEE BREAK (4:15 – 4:20PM)

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CRAFTING THE MESSAGE: HOW TO PRESENT TECHNICAL INFO TO CLIENTS, EXECUTIVES, AND BEAN COUNTERS

Jenni Steck, Jenni Steck Voice & Speech Services

5PM

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Our Mission

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Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:00 – 8:30 AM **INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING**
Location: Merion

8:15AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
Hosted by: **Sherwin Inc.**
Location: Pebble Beach II & III



9:00AM – 12:00PM **TECHNICAL SESSION II
AI, ML ADR, OH MY!**
Co-Chairs: John Spruill, Erica Schumacher
Location: Pebble Beach II & III

EXPLORING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF NDE 4.0
Jason Robbins, VisiConsult

AGENTIC AI FOR NDT: CAPABILITIES, APPLICATIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION REALITIES

Dan Tirabasso, Orbix NDE

COFFEE BREAK (10:10-10:20AM)
Sponsored by GIA

BEYOND THE SURFACE: HOW 2D ADR ENHANCES INDUSTRIAL QUALITY CONTROL
Cameron Lemmer, North Star Imaging

ADR ML WITH BLENDED DATA SETS
Ben Lindner, Alynx

COFFEE BREAK (11:25 – 11:30AM)
Sponsored by GIA

OPEN FILE FORMAT FOR AUTOMATION AND CUSTOMIZED SOFTWARE
Emilie Peloquin, Wabtec/EVIDENT

12:00 – 1:15PM **EXHIBITS OPEN
LUNCHEON RECEPTION**
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Location: Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley



1:15 -
1:45PM

1:45 –
4PM

1:45 –
3:10PM

EXHIBITS BREAKDOWN
Bel Air | Foyer | Pine Valley

MANAGEMENT SESSION II

Co-Chairs: Cory Alsip, Brian Halata
Location: Pebble Beach II & III

ASSET OWNER PAINPOINT ROUNDTABLE

Gulfstream Aerospace, AAR, Phillips 66, Enbridge, GE Aerospace
(Subject to Change)

COFFEE BREAK (3:10-3:25PM)

Sponsored by GIA

INSURANCE ROUNDTABLE

Speakers: Mark Tedford (Tedford), Trey Davis (GAI)



HAPPY HOUR BREAK

Pebble Beach
Sponsored By: North Star Imaging

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENTATIONS & HAPPY HOUR

Sponsored by: **North Star Imaging**
Co-Chairs: Steve Strachan, Becca Hase
Location: Pebble Beach II & III

THE AGE ADVANTAGE: HOW YOUTH CAN LEAD IN AN EXPERIENCED INDUSTRY
Kellen Ruotsinoja, Comet Yxlon

CONNECTING THE NDTs: HOW ACADEMIA LEADS TO THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

Morgan Chase, NSI

THE MORE YOU KNOW – THE MORE YOU GROW

Patrick O'Sullivan, QSA Global

CLOSING AWARDS RECEPTION

Sponsored by: **EVOSONIC**
Location: Pebble Beach I
Innovation Award, Advocacy Award, President's Presentation, Survey Giveaways
End at 6:30pm



5:15PM

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February 18-20, 2025

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Management, Technology, Leadership

Who We Are
The NDTMA (Nondestructive Testing

Why NDTMA?
• Network with top NDT decision

Let's Chat!

2026 Awards



INNOVATION IN NDT

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PRAGMA's PragmaFlex

The PragmaFlex represents a major technological leap in non-destructive testing by combining ultrasound (UT, PAUT), eddy current (ECT, ECA), and optical/topographic scanning within a single, modular, and intelligent platform. It provides unmatched flexibility, precision, and field performance, redefining how inspectors approach advanced NDT applications.

At the heart of the PragmaFlex lies its modular and scalable architecture, a unique innovation in the NDT market. Each hardware module—ultrasonic, eddy current, encoder, or optical—can be added, swapped, or upgraded independently. This enables inspectors to adapt one instrument to a full range of inspection techniques: from manual UT or ECT to advanced PAUT or ECA mapping, and even automated scanning and robotic inspection. This customization allows users to perform weld integrity checks, composite delamination mapping, corrosion monitoring, or surface profiling—without needing multiple specialized instruments.

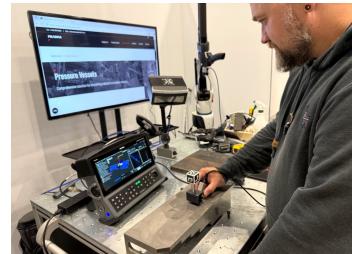
PragmaFlex also introduces **multi-modal data acquisition and correlation, enabling simultaneous capture of ultrasonic, electromagnetic, and optical data**. This synergy provides a more holistic understanding of materials and structures:

- UT & PAUT: High-resolution imaging with up to 64 parallel channels for advanced flaw characterization.
- ECT & ECA: Fast and precise detection of surface and near-surface defects, corrosion, or cracks, with real-time impedance mapping.
- Optical/Topographic Scanning: Integrated high-definition cameras and structured-light sensors for surface geometry and defect localization.

With its intelligence, speed, and connectivity, powered by high-performance FPGA and multicore processors, PragmaFlex enables real-time imaging, defect detection, and 3D reconstruction. The embedded Pragma3D software offers a touch interface, intuitive setup, multi-layer data fusion, and seamless remote collaboration.

By redefining flexibility, performance, and accessibility, the PragmaFlex empowers the NDT community to tackle more complex inspections with greater efficiency and confidence. Its impact extends beyond technological advancement—it sets a new standard for innovation, shaping the future of inspection on a global scale.

PRAGMA



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JIM TREAT ADVOCACY COMPANY OF THE YEAR

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EVIDENT SCIENTIFIC/ + WABTEC

ADVOCATING FOR THE NDT INDUSTRY THROUGH SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES BY EMILIE PELOQUIN

Evident Scientific has been selected as the recipient of the NDTMA Advocacy Award, recognizing the company's sustained commitment to advancing the nondestructive testing (NDT) industry through meaningful advocacy, workforce development, and inclusive leadership.

This award honors Evident Scientific's long-standing support of industry advocacy initiatives led by Emilie Peloquin, whose work over the past decade reflects the organization's values, culture, and investment in the future of NDT. Through Evident Scientific's backing, Emilie has been empowered to serve as a visible, credible, and consistent voice for the profession—promoting NDT as a career path, advancing diversity and inclusion, and elevating technical and professional standards across the global NDT community.

As an Evident Scientific employee, Emilie's advocacy efforts have focused on two critical areas for the industry's long-term health: the advancement of women in NDT and engagement of the next generation workforce. Evident Scientific has actively supported her participation, leadership roles, and public outreach, reinforcing the company's belief that advocacy is not extracurricular—it is essential.

This commitment is reflected in Emilie's extensive industry involvement, including service on the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) Board of Directors, receipt of the Advancement of Women in NDT Award, and collaboration with key industry bodies such as ASNT and ASME. Evident Scientific has consistently enabled these efforts by supporting professional service, technical authorship, conference participation, and standards engagement.

Evident Scientific's advocacy leadership also extends to innovation and thought leadership. Emilie has represented the company at national and international venues—including the Quebec Business Pitch Showcase hosted with the City of San Antonio Economic Development Department—highlighting Evident Scientific's business vision, advanced technologies, and commitment to industry modernization. She has further championed the adoption of standardized NDE data formats and digital transformation, reinforcing Evident Scientific's role as a forward-thinking technology leader.

Through articles published in Inspenet and Canadian Metalworking, presentations at global events such as ASNT Conference 2024, ICENDE, WCNDT 2024, and ongoing engagement with platforms including ChatNDT, OneStopNDT, and the ASNT Blog, Evident Scientific's advocacy impact has reached a broad and diverse audience. Equally important is the company's support of initiatives promoting Women and Girls in Science, diversity in NDT, and volunteerism—demonstrating advocacy that is both visible and substantive.

By fostering an environment where advocacy is encouraged, resourced, and celebrated, Evident Scientific has set a powerful example for the NDT industry. The Advocacy Award recognizes not only Emilie Peloquin's exceptional contributions, but also Evident Scientific's organizational leadership in empowering advocacy that strengthens the profession, expands opportunity, and secures the future of nondestructive testing.

EVIDENT SCIENTIFIC, INC

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NDTMA 2026 Board Officer Candidates

PRESIDENT

Mike Wechsler, MISTRAS

Mike Wechsler is the Technical Director/Subject Matter Expert for Mistras Group and has over 36 years of experience in Advanced NDE techniques, including research and development, operations, training, management, and consulting. His experience and direct involvement with Failure Analysis, Risk Based Inspection, Damage Mechanism, Critical Flaw Sizes, Mechanical Integrity along with Inspection efforts gave him a more thorough understanding of the issues and how to come up with solutions for customers. Mike has a detailed understanding of all NDE methods, and holds ASNT Level III certifications, as well as many other industry qualifications including API, EPRI, Chevron, Shell, and many others. His primary love focuses around Ultrasonics; however, he is perfectly comfortable dealing with any of the other complimentary NDE techniques. Industries served included Nuclear, NASA, Petrochemical/Refinery, Fossil, and Research. Robotic platforms in both automated ultrasonic weld inspection as well as corrosion mapping is something he has been doing for years. Inspection Technique development and specialized efforts have gone into Touchpoint Corrosion, Deadleg inspections, HTA, and many others. Mike holds a technical degree from Ridgewater College, specifically related to the field of Nondestructive Testing.



VICE PRESIDENT

Jeff Lattea, SUPERIOR INTEGRITY SERVICES

Jeff Lattea is the Corporate Level III and General Manager of Advanced NDT for Superior Integrity Services. Jeff has been in the NDT industry since 2012 servicing primarily the Oil & Gas / Petrochemical markets. He has ASNT Level IIIs in UT, MT, and PT, ASNT ISQs UTT, UTSW, and PAUT, as well as CSWIP GWT Level II & GUL Level I. He serves as the Corporate Level III & Advanced Services Manager for Superior Integrity Services. He is an outspoken NDT advocate with a passion for the industry. In some of his free time, he enjoys making NDT parodies with his good buddy Paul Holloway.



Jeremy Howard

PROtect, LLC

Jeremy Howard, Vice President of Advanced Services at PROtect, LLC, is a Level III NDE professional and leader working to continually improve inspection capabilities through technology advancements and technical training. Over the course of his 26-year career, he has assisted many companies with adding new technologies, helped pioneer some of the advanced techniques commonly used today, worked with countless NDE professionals on the development of training and testing programs, and provided in depth training for many technicians working in the NDE field today.



NDTMA 2026 Nominated Board Members

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Jonathan Anderson

R-CON NDT

Jonathan began his nondestructive testing career at Ridgewater College in 2018, where he earned an Associate of Applied Science degree. Following graduation, he spent a year in North Dakota serving as a pipeline radiographic technician, gaining valuable field experience. He subsequently transitioned into a technical sales position covering the upper Midwest, where he has demonstrated a strong capability for delivering comprehensive technical demonstrations and product training across all NDT methods. His efforts have contributed to notable sales growth and the expansion of a diverse customer base.

In addition to his sales responsibilities, Jonathan manages a team of sales representatives focused on key account development, ensuring strategic growth and consistent support for high-value clients. Outside of his professional responsibilities, he enjoys spending time outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing.



Neal Ferguson

ELEMENT MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Neal Ferguson – Global Account Director, Energy with Element Materials Technology. A Global Leader in Materials Testing, Inspection, and Product Evaluation. He has 25 years of experience in materials testing, nondestructive examination, quality, welding, and Standards development. During Neal's nearly 20-year career with Element, he has held leadership roles in Operations, Quality, and Sales & Marketing.

He supports various industry organizations and technical committees in leadership roles to advance and develop standards across the Energy end market.



Jeremy Timm

Curtiss-Wright Nuclear Division

Jeremy T. Timm is a Senior Project Manager / Principal Level III respected expert in the Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) field within the Commercial Nuclear Power Industry, with over 33 years of dedicated experience. Residing in Hutchinson, MN, Jeremy has been serving as the Principal Level III at LMT, since 2008. He specializes in implementing American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME) requirements for personnel qualifications and procedural requirements, reflecting his commitment to excellence and adherence to industry standards. Jeremy's role extends into Project Management, where he plays a critical role in driving projects to success. Together with his team, he is recognized as a leader in the Nuclear Power industry, contributing significantly to the development of advanced NDE and quality services. Jeremy's work at Curtiss-Wright's Nuclear Division includes a comprehensive range of services. He excels in In-Service Inspection (ISI) and Balance of Plant (BOP) NDE, utilizing the latest techniques and technology.

Recognized for his strategic approach to team building and succession planning, Jeremy emphasizes the importance of managerial collaboration to foster a positive organizational environment. Additionally, he is actively involved in NDE training and certification programs, contributing to the next generation of leaders in the industry. Jeremy holds a technical degree from Ridgewater college in Nondestructive testing as well as ASNT Level III Certifications in MT, PT and UT.



2026 NDTMA Exhibits

